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SUBJECT: LIMITS TO LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN "RAPPROCHEMENT"

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1. LATEST TOUCH TO PORTRAIT OF A SADAT-QADHAFI RE-
CONCILIATION BEING DRAWN BY LIBYAN MEDIA IS TRIPOLI
RADIO'S REPORT THAT WHILE ON PILGRIMAGE IN MECCA TWO
MEN SWORE A SOLEMN OATH AT THE KAABA NOT TO "BETRAY OUR
NATION, ABANDON OUR CAUSE, NEGLECT OUR RELIGION, OR
HERITAGE IN REALIZINGNTJAB UNITY" (FBIS M231336).

2. WE SHARE USINT CAIRO'S REACTION THAT THIS WHOLE
PSYCHODRAME, WHICH BEARS UNMISTAKABLE QADHAFI
MARK, SHOULD BE LOOKED AT SKEPTICALLY. ONCE AGAIN
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QADHAFI HAS HAD TO SWALLOW HIS PRIDE AND TEMPER
HIS RHETORIC TO AVOID AN OPEN BREAK WITH EGYPT AND
LIBYA'S DEPENDENCE ON EGYPT FOR FUNCTIONARIES,
TEACHERS AND TECHNICIANS, AND POTENTIAL FOR
EGYPTIAN SUBVERSION OF QADHAFI'S REGIME, ARE GOOD
PRACTICAL REASONS FOR QADHAFI'S PULLBACK. BUT THIS
DOES NOT MEAN THAT QADHAFI HAS GIVEN UP HIS QUIXOTIC

PURSUIT OF TOTAL FUSION WITH EGYPT, WHICH IS OBVI-
OUSLY OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR SADAT, OR THAT HE
HAS TOPPED OPPOSING SADAT'S
POSITION ON A CEASEFIRE MIDEAST SETTLEMENT. UNTIL
EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY WE ASSUME THAT SUCH FUNDAMENTAL
DIFFERENCES REMAIN, AND WILL CONTINUE CAUSE TROUBLE
BETWEEN TWO LEADERS. ALI AMIN PAINTS A PICTURE OF
QADHAFI TOO DOCILE TO BE TRUE.
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